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SUBJECT: TERMS OF REFERENCE: Communist Chinese Ground Threat
Against India (Draft for Board Consideration)

THE PROBLEM

To assess the offensive capabilities of Communist China's
ground forces against India.

SCOPE

25X1X7

This paper is to be a companion piece to [REDACTED] Estimate
of the Communist Chinese Air Threat Against India, 17 January 1963,
and should be comparable in approach and format to that paper
insofar as the subject matter permits.

It is anticipated that the text will be fairly short and will
be supported by detailed technical data at annex.

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QUESTIONS BEARING ON THE PROBLEM

I. GENERAL

- A. Briefly discuss the strength and deployment, equipment, level of training, morale, and quality of leadership of the Chinese Communist ground forces.
- B. Briefly, what are the capabilities of the armaments industry and the civilian economy to support the ground forces?
- C. What effects have the Sino-Soviet dispute and China's recent economic difficulties had on "A" and "B"?
- D. What other political/military considerations affect directly the Chinese Communists' military capabilities against India -- e.g., the need to commit large forces in the Taiwan Strait area or to maintain internal security elsewhere in China?

II. GEOGRAPHY

- A. Exclusive of logistic consideration (discussed below), how does geography affect Chinese practices and

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capabilities with respect to weapons, personnel and tactics in the area?

- B. Discuss the limitations imposed by geographical factors both on the Chinese and Indian sides of the frontier.

III. LOGISTIC PROBLEMS

- A. Estimate the overall logistic requirements and capabilities of the Chinese Communists in the Tibetan area, including:
1. Both civilian and military needs, including detailed order of battle in the Tibetan area;
 2. The capacities of the main supply routes into the area;
 3. The number of trucks and the amount of petroleum required.
- B. Examine in detail the logistic and communications problems on likely avenues of approach to India.
- C. Examine the logistic and communications problems facing the Chinese on the Indian side of the frontier.

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IV. GRAPHICS

- A. What maps, other graphics and tabular materials will be
be required?

V. POST-MORTEM COLLECTION REQUIREMENTS

- A. What significant gaps in intelligence information have
become apparent in the preparation of this contribution?

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